

IN THE DRAWING(S):

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet replaces the original sheet showing Figure 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 14-15, 19-24 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter and Figure 3 is amended to correct an error noted by the Office Action. Claims 1-24 are pending.

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Erjanne (U.S. 6,490,271) in view of Oomuro et al. (U.S. 5,258,979; hereafter "Oomuro"), claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Erjanne, Oomuro and Wallentin et al. (U.S. 6,347,091; hereafter "Wallentin"). Applicants traverse these rejections because Erjanne is not prior art to the present application (for reasons explained herein) and the remaining prior art references, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

Erjanne is not prior art as a result of Applicants' attached submission of a verified English language translation of its priority document. That submission of perfects Applicants' priority date of October 13, 1998, which is earlier than Erjanne's 102(e) date. Therefore, Erjanne is not prior art.

Oomura, analyzed individually or in combination with Wallentin, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the recited features of the rejected claims. Thus, the prior art rejections are traversed.

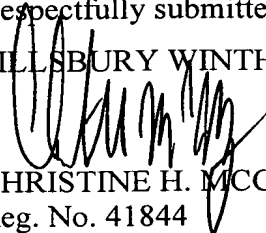
All issues having been traversed, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance and requests that a Notice be issued to that effect. If anything remains necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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